

Revs Say Newsmen Spy in Sweden

Moscow, Oct. 16 (UPI)—Izvestia today claimed to have unmasked an anti-Soviet espionage ring in Sweden involving both American and Swedish correspondents.

The government newspaper published an article by an Estonian linguist who defected to Sweden eight years ago and who recently returned to the Soviet Union because, he said, he refused to be recruited into the American Central Intelligence Agency.

The Estonian, Arthur Haman, wrote that the Stockholm bureau of the Associated Press, including its American and Swedish correspondents were involved in espionage activities for the CIA against the U.S.S.R.

Izvestia said that Tom Reedy, the American AP bureau chief was the leader of the ring and actually holds the rank of major

in U.S. intelligence. Also implicated, it said, was Gustav Svensson, former AP correspondent in Moscow and Stockholm, along with other unidentified Swedes and Americans.

Associated Press in New York said yesterday that "as far as can be ascertained Arthur Haman

worked briefly as a teleprinter operator for AP in 1957." Wes Gallagher, AP general manager, said the Izvestia story is completely untrue and that Haman's account seemed to be the product of an over-ripe imagination fed by an addiction to detective thrillers.